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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Version With Markings Showing Changes Made: Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

Please replace the first full paragraph on Page 1, immediately after the Title and before the heading "Field of the Invention", with the following rewritten paragraph:

a! This application is a divisional of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/527,236, filed March 16, 2000, which, in turn, is a continuation-in-part of copending U. S. Application Serial No. 09/095,094, filed June 10, 1998, which, in turn, claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/052,991, filed June 11, 1997, and further claims benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/126,019, filed on March 24, 1999 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/134,220, filed on May 14, 1999; each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--